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Our Motto: "If There Is Not a Way, Cut a Way."

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CITY AND COUNTRY FOLK

THERE is nothing more irritating to the people of a small town than the air of superiority that people from larger towns have toward them and their village.

It is the weakness of city people, this belief of theirs, that country people are back numbers. The man from a city concern pays the country business man a visit and shows plainly that he considers the little merchant a very small potato.

The narrow-brained lecturer drops into the small town, and at the beginning of his talk, mentions that he has changed his subject "for fear the one announced would be over the heads of his audience."

If there is such a thing as superiority between city and country folks, the latter have the best opportunity of securing it. But as people, there is no difference between those who live in cities and those who live in the country.

We have no contempt or criticism for those who prefer to live in a city, but we do object to their attitude of scorn for the doings of those who live in the country or in small towns.

AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

SOMETIMES we are inclined to the belief that civilized countries are too humane in their methods of punishing criminals.

Landrau, France's modern Bluebeard, was convicted of murdering a dozen or so of his wives.

Did they inflict punishment for each separate murder, by taking his life on the installment plan, by the lopping off of a leg to-day, and an arm to-morrow, and so on until each of his victims had been avenged and he had properly repented of his crimes?

They did not. They guillotined him quite neatly—chopped his head off at one sweep.

One punishment for many murders.

It seems weak in proportion to his crimes, yet civilization says it must be so.

THERE are two sides to every question, altho some people are never able to admit or even consider but one—until the shoe begins to pinch.

In a certain town there was a choice bit of scandal. It would have looked juicy in print.

But the local editor did not use it. Too many innocent people would have suffered with the guilty.

A male gossip stopped the editor on the street and indignantly demanded that he "publish the news, regardless of who it hits."

Shortly thereafter a member of the old gossip's own family became involved in an unsavory mess.

Did the gossip again demand relentless publicity? He did not. He busted right into the editorial office with a heartrending plea for complete suppression of the facts.

The woods are full of 'em.

IF a child is trained to take a pride in cleaning and beautifying the home lawn and grounds, that child, grown to maturity, will have a beautiful home of its own.

If it is allowed to "grow up with the weeds" there will be an overplus of weeds in its adult life.

Two everyday facts worth daily consideration.

WORK THE ROADS

SPRING is practically with us. Hundreds of thousands of miles of roadway need rebuilding or improving.

Countless thousands of honest American citizens are out of employment and begging for work with which to support their wives and children.

Motorists are annually paying into the public fund millions of dollars for road improvement.

The stage is all set, the audience is assembled, yet there are no actors to start the play.

We Americans continue to sidestep the ruts or wallow in the mud of the poorest roads in Christendom.

These idle men should be put to work on state and government improvements, and there is nothing more urgently needed to-day than hard surfaced roads.

If the robber prices charged by the cement trust stand in the way of the good roads movement the trust can be decently and deeply buried thru the simple expedient of the states making their own cement.

If the states find that they can manufacture more cement than they can make use of on public works, then the surplus can be readily sold to municipalities and private individuals.

We want good roads, and we want employment for our idle men.

Both should be furnished without any more monkeydoodling.

PAYING FOR FOLLY

ONLY a few weeks have elapsed since the "Roma" collapsed and snuffed out the lives of many brave men. Yet the incident is practically forgotten.

We use the word "incident" purposely.

That which affects our pocketbook or our pleasure is vital, and is remembered.

Most everything else is incidental, including the Roma and its ill fated victims.

The government paid Italy a large sum for the leaky old gas bag, when we should be building our own dirigibles and keeping our own people employed.

That it was defective at the time of its purchase appears to have been known, yet Italy got the money, and we got the bag, and the widows and orphans of the victims got left.

But that, as usual, is incidental. What we want to impress upon the minds of the people is the fact that we should not buy abroad the things that we should be making in this country.

We have the money, we have the material that go into construction, we have the man power, and somewhere we have the brains necessary to cooperate and put them to proper use.

We've been crawling long enough. Let's learn to toddle.

TELL THE OTHER SIDE

WHEN you have occasion to speak of this town, what is the burden of your remarks?

Some complaint, or grievance, perhaps.

The good things of our community like we take as a matter of course. We feel that they are coming to us. We can see no reason for comment. We are mum.

But when anything goes wrong our first inclination is to blow up. Somebody is to blame. Somebody needs a good cussing. And somebody gets cussed—perhaps.

Having let off steam, we are ready for the next round, and become quite human again.

But let's take a new tack and tell the other side next. It is far more pleasant—to those with whom we speak.

Yes, a henpecked husband is a living example of the law's decree that a man and his wife are one.

How many good tenants are ever found except thru advertising?

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